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February 4, 2004

TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PB*

RE: Site Inspection, Thomas Excavating, Peacock Mine, S/055/008, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: January 30, 2004  
 Time of Inspection: 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
 Conditions: Partly cloudy, 40's, patchy snow a few inches deep  
 Participants: Buzz Rakow (BLM), Will Stokes (SITLA), Paul Baker (DOGM)

**Purpose of Inspection:**

The operator requested that the site be released.

**Getting to the site:**

From the turnoff on SR 24 in Torrey, go south 4.0 miles on SR 12. Turn west for 2.1 miles toward Teasdale. At this point, there is a two-track road leading south, and the quarry is about 100 yards off the paved road to the southwest. The first few yards of the two-track are easy to see, but the road becomes very non-descript as it goes up the hill toward the quarry. The quarry is not hard to see from the road (Photo 1).

**Observations:**

Mr. Rakow said this site has been disturbed for at least the last 17 years and probably much more. A lot of people in the area have apparently used this stone to make fireplace mantles. Although Mr. Thomas, the operator, told me in a telephone conversation that he had removed a few tons of stone, Mr. Rakow said he couldn't tell there had been any recent disturbance.

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The total disturbance area is about one acre and consists of an area excavated into the side of the hill and some waste material sidecast downhill from the excavation (Photo 2).

I took a GPS reading at one spot near the center of the quarry, and the UTM coordinates are N 4234086 E 463897. A map showing the site location is attached to this report.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

Mr. Thomas told me in our telephone conversation that the site was disturbed before he did any work in this area. He also said that, although he requested release, he didn't actually do any reclamation work.

Considering this information, Mr. Rakow and I discussed whether it would be appropriate to release the site or if it would be best to require further reclamation. We decided upon what we thought would be a reasonable approach: we will require that the operator place some large rocks at the entrance to the quarry to make entry more difficult. I agreed to call the operator and tell him of this requirement which I did on February 3, 2004.

Once this work is done, the Division can release the site.

PBB:jb

cc: Tim Thomas (Thomas Excavating)  
Buzz Rakow (Hanksville BLM)

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**ATTACHMENT  
Photographs**

**S/055/008, Peacock Mine, Thomas Excavating**

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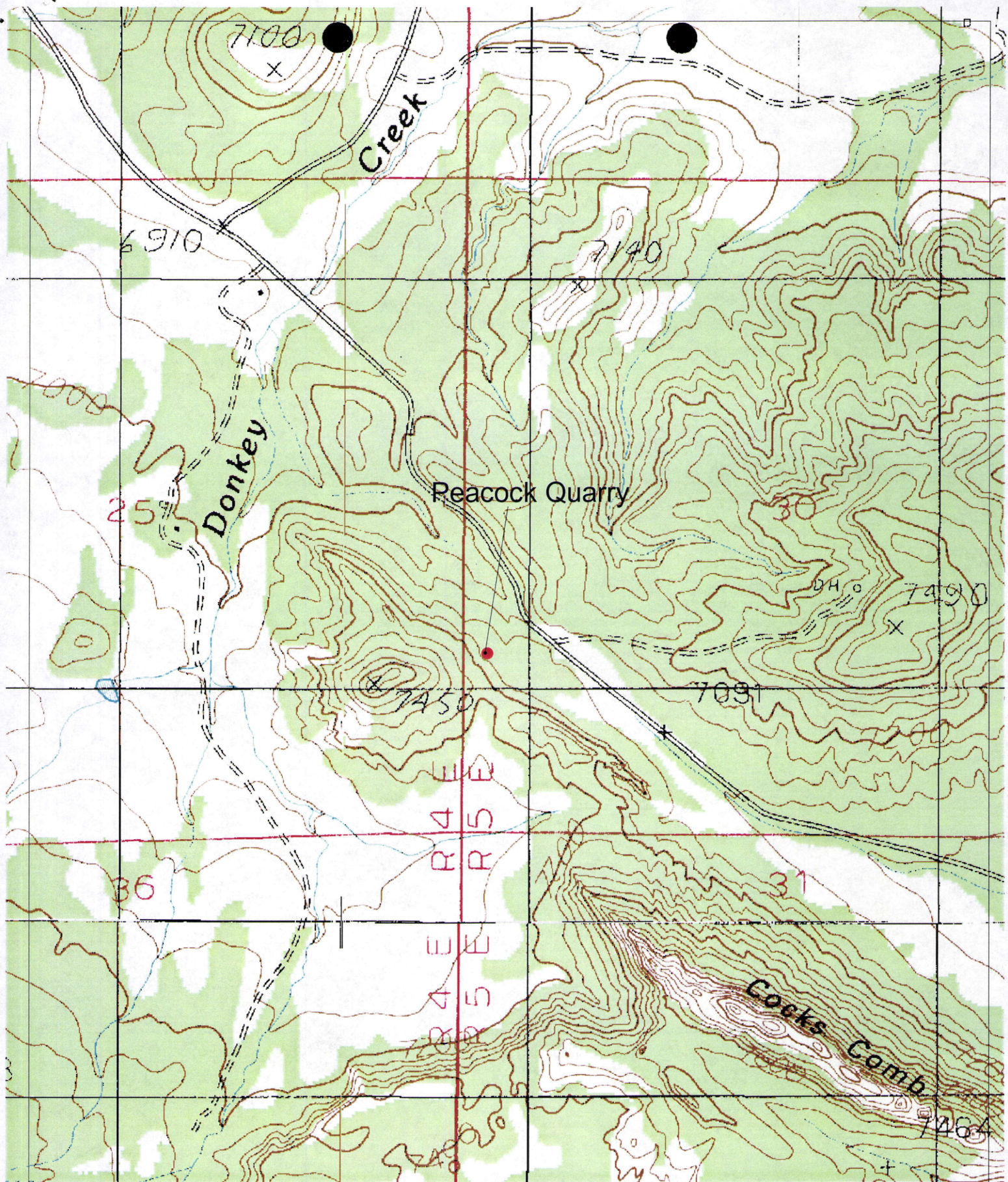


**Photo 1. The quarry is in the center of this photo.**



**Photo 2. View of the quarry looking approximately southwest.**





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Quad Sheet: Torrey and Blind Lake

300 0 300 600 Feet



Scale 1:30,000 (verity scale)  
Contour Interval: 40 feet



Mine Number: S/055/008  
Mine Name: Peacock  
Township 12 S Range 5 E Section 21 SLBM

Drafted by MES

January 30, 2004